(c) whether Government propose to take up this matter with these countries; and

(d) if so, in what manner and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Government is now aware of any present threat to Indian IT professionals working in various countries due to the contemplated changes in immigration laws of these countries.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Postmen In Greater Mumbai

3026. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of postmen in Greater Mumbai;

(b) whether there is any plan to cut down the present strength of postmen of all the post offices in Mumbai; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) There are 4690 posts of postmen in Greater Mumbai.

(b) and (c) 512 posts of postmen have presently been abolished, as per recommendations of the Screening Committee.

Telephone exchanges in Chhattisgarh

3027. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number as well as the location of telephone exchanges set up in the various districts of Chhattisgarh during the period from the 1st January, 1998 to June, 2002;

(b) the cost incurred on setting up of each exchange, separately;

(c) the number of exchanges out of those set up upto the 30th June 2002 which have started functioning together with the capacity thereof, exchange-wise; and

(d) the places in the above districts where exchanges would be set up during the next three years together with the capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) The details of telephone exchanges set up in the districts of Chhattisgarh during 1st January, 1998 to June, 2002 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The cost incurred in setting up of each exchange is given in the Statement.

(c) All the exchanges set up during the above period are functioning. The capacity wise detail is given in the Statement.

(d) At present there is no proposal to set up new exchange in the next three years.

Statement

District-wise list of exchanges set up and cost during January'1998 to June'2002

Name of District	No. of Loca-tions	Name of Exch. Location	Capacity	Expenditure incurred in Rs.
1	2	3	4	5
Bilaspur	23	Teradhaura	88	1187266
		Seepat	88	1187266
		Baima	88	1187266
		Kukdur	88	1187266
		Kosla	88	1187266
		Bharridand	88	1187266
		Lalpur	184	3291950
		Bilaspur DTO	1500	3758967

1	2	3	4	5
		Tifra RSU	1000	2558977
		Sarkanad RSU	1000	2558977
		Sonpur	32	731337
		Fadha	32	731337
		Ponsire	32	731337
		Bartori	32	731337
		Ramboud	32	731337
		Belpan	32	731337
		Baghel Kapa	32	731337
		Monchh	32	731337
		Pali	32	731337
		Sonpuri	32	731337
		Beheramuda	32	731337
		Kusumkheda	32	731337
		Khamariya	32	731337
Janjgir	7	Hasod	152	3291950
Champa		Kachanda Raja	152	3291950
		Semra	152	3291950
		Kotmi	152	3291950
		Kirani	152	3291950
		Dhurkot	184	3291950
		Nandourkala	1525	3291950
Korba	6	Kartala	152	3291950
		Vikasnagar	152	3291950
		TP Nagar	1000	2558967
		Rampur	184	3291950
		Ghatmuda	32	731337
		Ratiza	32	731337

1	2	3	4	5
Raipur	32	Rani Pateba	88	3270388
		Udan	88	1302858
		Chouby Colony	2000	36201596
		New Rajendra Nagar	2000	56539225
		Suhela	88	1361205
		Bhainsa	152	1096065
		Khorpa	88	1096065
		Khamardihya, Raipur	1000	8262135
		Sundar Nagar, Raipur	2000	44802156
		Bhanpuri, Raipur	1000	37559492
		Tikrapara, Raipur	1000	35681627
		Tatibandh Raipur	1000	44893071
		Sadar Bazar Raipur	1200	18077525
		Amlipadar	80	7929986
		Basin	80	3875463
		Goinda	80	3954109
		Jamgaon	80	4682754
		Manik Chauri	80	3681019
		Rohra	80	3930149
		Urmal	152	6820209
		Barula	152	4904710
		Charbhatti	152	4756740
		Patan Dadar	152	3930149
		Bhawanipur	152	4524136
		Hasda	152	4978695
		Pandri, Raipur	1000	44581153
		Awanti Vihar	1000	36963867

1	2	3	4	5
		Raipur		
		DD Nagar, Raipur	1000	43055115
		Gudiyari, Raipur	960	35181032
		Ambuja Cement, Rawan	360	7190290
		Kota, Raipur	1000	39280648
		Mana, Raipur	500	14681943
Dhamtari	3	Singhpur	96	4534785
		Belargaon	152	6450283
		Gattasilli	152	4741475
Mahasamund	13	Bundeli	88	2090178
		Toshgaon	80	1202328
		Bakma	80	4773090
		Deori	80	3902975
		Ghonch	80	3867589
		Saldih	184	4276115
		Baloda	64	1998474
		Patsendri	32	609371
		Birkol	32	609371
		Khamrapalli	32	609371
		Toresingha	32	609371
		Khairjhiti	32	609371
		Bichhiya	32	609371
Durg	65	Anandgaon RSU	64	1294317
		Armarikala	152	3693500
		Baddhum	32	806912
		Bargaon RSU	32	716531
		Basinrsu	32	533786

1	2	3	4	5
		Belhari	32	880163
		Beltara	152	4056254
		Bhanpuri RSU	32	835060
		Bhansuli	32	762175
		Bharda RSU	32	1058591
		Bhatgaon	32	1006690
		Bimbhori	32	548579
		Bori	32	304318
		Borsi	1964	26104987
		Bortara	152	3979109
		Chicha RSU	32	985717
		Civic Centre	1809	26518358
		Deorbija	152	652565
		Dhabha	32	198181
		Dhamdha Naka	1000	6774054
		Diyabatti	32	934196
		Dhaneli RSU	32	926825
		Dudhali RSU	64	765542
		Bhilai	6416	534099175
		Drug (R)	540	1258920
		Fugunda	32	940993
		Gadadih	32	753126
		Gaingi RSU	32	916751
		Gorkapar	32	792547
		Gudheli	32	204903
		Gujra	32	227885
		Hudco	29964	19779532
		Industrial Area	3928	24980661
		Jamgaon(M)	32	618504
		Jatgharra	32	972632

1	2	3	4	5
		Jeora-Sirsa	64	483174
		Kosra	32	580482
		Khasi	152	2483644
		Khursipar	2000	35976706
		Khursul	32	1480315
		Kurdi RSU	64	364745
		Maroda	1632	20598596
		Mohdipat	32	810057
		Mohgaon	32	540760
		Murmunda	152	2532368
		Nagpura	152	723277
		Navodaya Vidyalaya	64	561047
		Palari	152	2771984
		Piperchedi RSU	32	609371
		Purur	152	1101261
		Raghavnavagaon	32	609385
		Rahud	32	1587801
		Raka	32	625723
		Rani Tarai	152	1907485
		Risali	4083	60613359
		Sambalpur	192	1882611
		Sanjari RSU	32	1015976
		Sankara (Berla) RSU	32	552059
		Sankra (Balod) RSU	32	271440
		Santara	32	1244197
		Sarda RSU	32	127997
		Sector-6, Bhilai	992	231013613
		Shanti Nagar	3242	90364271
		Surugaon RSU	32	811984
		Tarrighat	32	611808

1	2	3	4	5
Rajnandgaon	26	Bundeli, Khairagarh	32	587582
		Aundhi	184	2819270
		Belgaon-Dongargarh	32	609766
		Bharrigaon, RDN	32	492874
		Bor Talab, Dongagarh	32	580600
		Chichrikala-Chhuria	32	795627
		Dhiri, RDN	32	715518
		Kalu Banjari-Chhuria	32	639894
		Kanaharpuri-RDN	32	1042181
		Khowa-Chhuria	32	823137
		Kokpur	152	1215388
		Manpur	152	13538196
		Mudiyapar Khairagarh	32	6344885
		Mudiyapar RDN	32	542481
		Murmunda, Dongargaon	32	708169
		Nadiya-Chhuria	32	697338
		Rajnandgaon	2384	11498385
		Rangakathera, Dongargarh	32	915822
		Raodataria,	32	628828

1	2	3	4	5
		Khairagarh		
		Sadak Chirchari Chhuria	32	836322
		Salewada	152	2093777
		Shivpuri-Gongargarh	32	626741
		Sukuldehan	32	1106394
		Tilai	152	2325101
		Udaipur, Khairagarh	32	616431
		Urai Dabari	152	3030746
Kawardha	6	Ranjitpur, KWD	32	611024
		Ranveerpur, KWD	32	294993
		Chilpi	152	3041173
		Rengakhar	152	1091332
		Birendra Nagar, KWD	32	958500
		Uriakala	32	950648
Kanker	2	Durgkondal	152	510450
		Coyalibeda	152	1308694
Bastar	17	Makdi	152	1308694
		Shyampur	152	1328894
		Badekanera	152	1321204
		Chipawandh	152	1339244
		Karanji	32	541726
		Malgaon	32	541726
		Sargipal	32	50128
		Niyanar	32	542726

1	2	3	4	5
		Girola	152	1338854
		Orchha	152	1355814
		Jadalpur RLU	152	11075600
		Lubha	32	763126
		Hirapur	32	763126
		Radhna	152	1308694
		Bijapur	152	1308694
		Gamri	32	1308694
		Arla	32	792526
Dantewada	4	Bhopalpattanam	152	563400
		Madded	152	957119
		Awapalli	152	956619
		Katakalyan	152	834600
Sarguja	7	Jarhi	152	2920275
		Mainpat	152	2920275
		Odgi	152	2920275
		Premnagar	152	2920275
		Kumda	152	2920275
		Ramchandrapur	152	2920275
		Sanawal	152	2920275
Korea	5	Janakpur	152	2920275
		Pandopara	152	2920275
		Katkona	152	2920275
		Godripara	152	2920275
		Sonhat	152	2920275
Jashpur	3	Asta	152	9002850
		Bataikala	184	2889800
		Kersai	288	10471000

1	2	3	4	5
Raigarh	9	Dhaurabhata	184	4899300
		Gersa	184	3163900
		Jamgaon	184	339250
		Jhalamala	184	123200
		Kapu	184	5193993
		Kosir	184	3696330
		Nandeli	184	3314000
		Rsu DTO Raigarh	1400	4334700
		Tetla	184	1390600

Improvement in IT Infrastructure

3028. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Information Technology industry is likely to make its presence felt significantly abroad in the coming years; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve Information Technology infrastructure in the country to facilitate the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Information Technology implements Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Scheme which is 100% export oriented for development and export of computer software, including export of professional services using communication links and physical media. So far 39 Centres have been set up all over the country as detailed in Statement to provide High Speed Data Communication facility to software industry (*See below*). Besides, incubation and statutory services are also provided to software exporting units located in that area.